

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re the Application of: **Kikuo HAYASHI et al.**Art Unit: **2129**Application Number: **10/649,936**Examiner: **Nathan H. Brown Jr**Filed: **August 28, 2003**Confirmation Number: **6093**For: **GENETIC DESIGN METHOD AND APPARATUS**Attorney Docket Number: **991334A**Customer Number: **38834****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED****MAIL STOP: AF**Commissioner for Patents  
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February 11, 2009

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, and having a response due date initially set for January 17, 2009. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

A concurrently filed one-month Petition for Extension of Time extends the period of response to end on February 17, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.